

**PATENT**

(Practitioner's Docket No. IN-5212D)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Timothy S. December

Serial No.: This application is a Divisional  
of 09/467,256 filed December 20, 1999.


Filed: November 8, 2001

For: PIGMENT DISPERSANTS HAVING  
ANIONIC FUNCTIONALITY FOR USE IN  
ANODIC ELECTROCOAT  
COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Marjorie Ellis

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the  
following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification by inserting the following before line 1 on  
page 1:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/467,256 filed December  
20, 1999, pending.

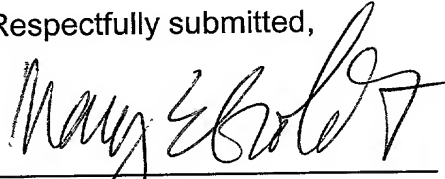
**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-15.

**CONCLUSION**

Remaining claims 16-28 were subject to restriction requirement in the Parent Case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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FOOTNOTES